

BILL NO. 84-5

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 84-5

Introduced by Council Members Schafer and Hutchins

Legislative Day No. 84-3 Date January 17, 1984

AN ACT to add new Subsection (6) to Section 16-51. (a), heading,  
Exemptions, of Article II, heading, Code of Ethics, of Chapter  
16, heading, Personnel, of the Harford County Code, as amended,  
to modify provisions concerning exemption of gifts; and to  
provide generally for additional standards for Code of Ethics.

By the Council, January 17, 1984

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: February 14, 1984

at: 7:00 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place  
of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the  
Charter, a public hearing was held on February 14, 1984  
and concluded on February 14, 1984.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

PLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from  
existing law. Underlining indicates language  
added to Bill by amendment. Language lined  
through indicates matter stricken out of Bill  
by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,*  
 2 *Maryland,* that new Subsection (6) be and is hereby added to  
 3 Section 16-51. (a), Exemptions, of Article II, heading, Code of  
 4 Ethics, of Chapter 16, heading, Personnel, of the Harford County  
 5 Code, as amended, all to read as follows:

6 Chapter 16. Personnel.

7 Article II. Code of Ethics.

8 Section 16-51. Exemptions.

9 (a) Unless a gift of any of the following would tend to  
 10 impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the  
 11 public official or employee receiving it or, if of significant  
 12 value, would give the appearance of doing so, the following gifts  
 13 are permitted:

14 (1) Ceremonial gifts or awards which have insignificant  
 15 monetary value.

16 (2) Unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items  
 17 of informational value.

18 (3) Reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging and  
 19 scheduled entertainment at a meeting which is given in return for  
 20 participation in a panel or speaking engagement.

21 (4) Gifts from a person related by blood or marriage or  
 22 a spouse, child, ward, financially dependent parent or any other  
 23 relative who shares the official's or employee's legal residence  
 24 or a child, ward, parent or any other relative over whose financial  
 25 affairs the employee has legal or actual control.

26 (5) Honoraria.

27 (6) GIFTS OF TICKETS OR FREE ADMISSION TO ATTEND  
 28 CHARITABLE, CULTURAL, ATHLETIC, OR POLITICAL EVENTS, IF THE PURPOSE  
 29 OF THIS GIFT OR ADMISSION IS A COURTESY OR CEREMONY EXTENDED TO  
 30 THE OFFICE.

31 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted* that this Act shall take  
 32 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: May 7, 1984

*The Secretary of the Council does hereby  
 certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill  
 are immediately available for distribution to  
 the public and the press.*

*Angela Marlowski* 84-5  
 Secretary

BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

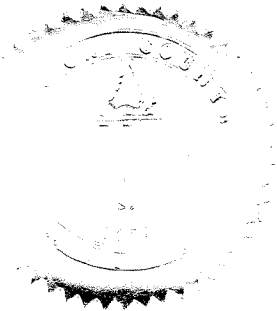
Passed LSD 84-5 (February 14, 1984)

Failed of Passage \_\_\_\_\_

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive  
for his approval this 15th day of February, 19 84  
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

Date \_\_\_\_\_

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the  
disapproval of the Executive within twenty-one (21) days of its  
presentation, becomes law on March 8, 1984.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE: May 7, 1984